

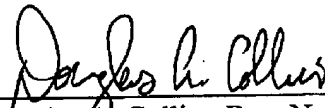
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**REMARKS**

A Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 was mailed on September 15, 2006 asserting that claims 1-35 were pending and subject to restriction and/or election requirement as set forth in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants hereby elect Invention I of claims 1-19 and 27-35 without traverse.

Further consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing election is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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